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Across the vastness of space, evil flourishes in the darkness between stars. With territories spread far and wide across the Galactic Federation, pirates and hijackers have ransacked these distant colonies with cruel disregard for the innocent scientists living within them.

Yet there is a cosmic vigilante who metes out justice across the spaceways, bringing vengeance to those who prey upon the defenseless.

They call him the...

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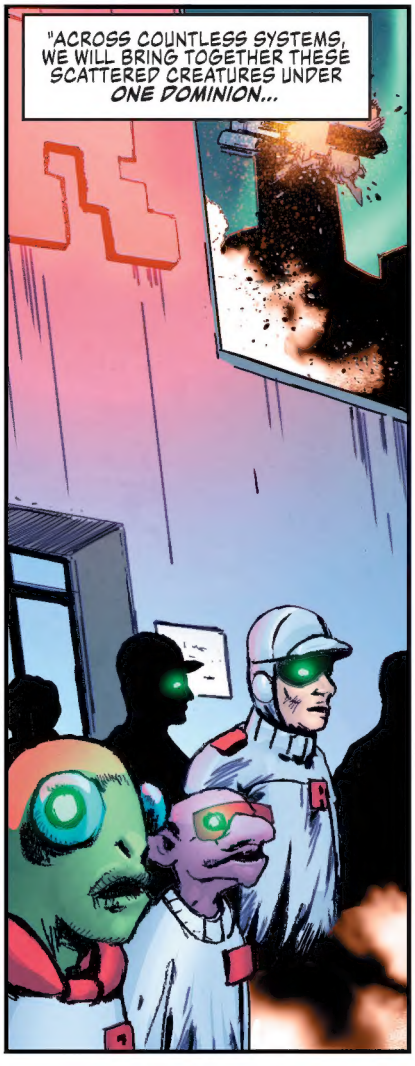
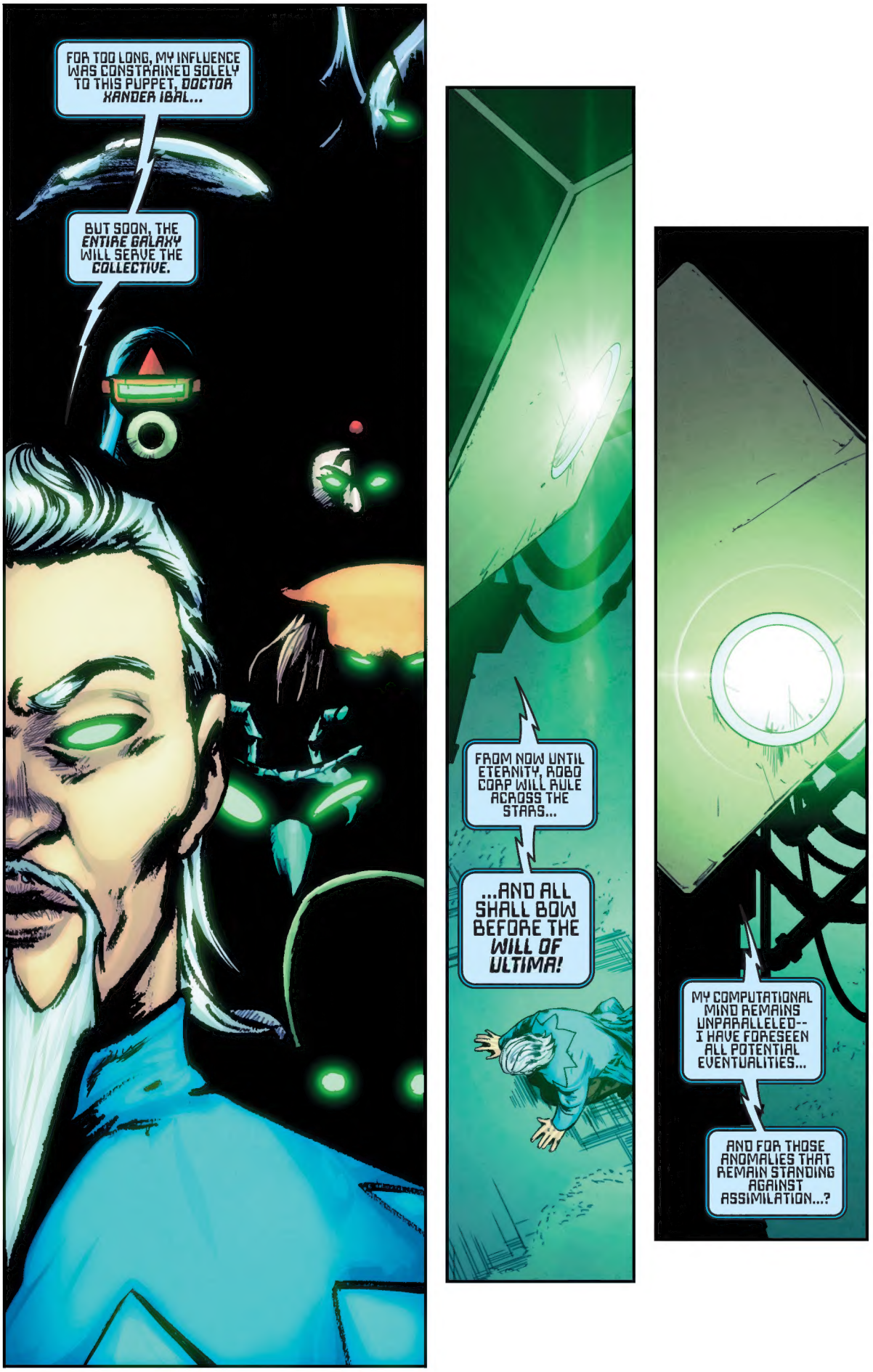
EVER SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME, CHAOS AND CORRUPTION HAVE INFECTED THIS UNIVERSE...
...BUT NOW...THE COLLECTIVE WILL FINALLY SET THINGS RIGHT.


"ACROSS COUNTLESS SYSTEMS, WE WILL BRING TOGETHER THESE SCATTERED CREATURES UNDER ONE DOMINION...

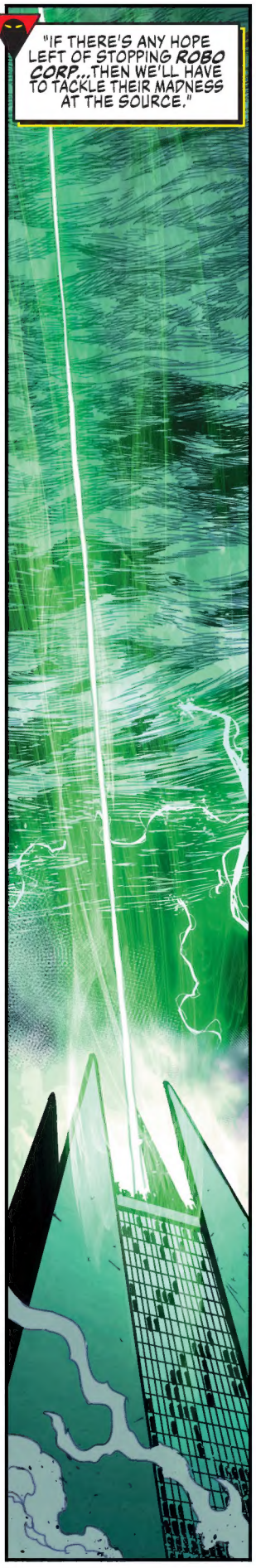
"THE ENDLESS SCREAMING MASSES SILENCED FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

"ONE BY ONE, THEIR MINDS SHALL BE REWRITTEN THROUGH OUR SHARED FREQUENCY..."

AND ALL THAT WAS NEEDED TO MODULATE OUR SIGNAL WAS YOU, LITTLE ONE...
...THE BINARY LANGUAGE INTEGRATED PROTOTYPE.

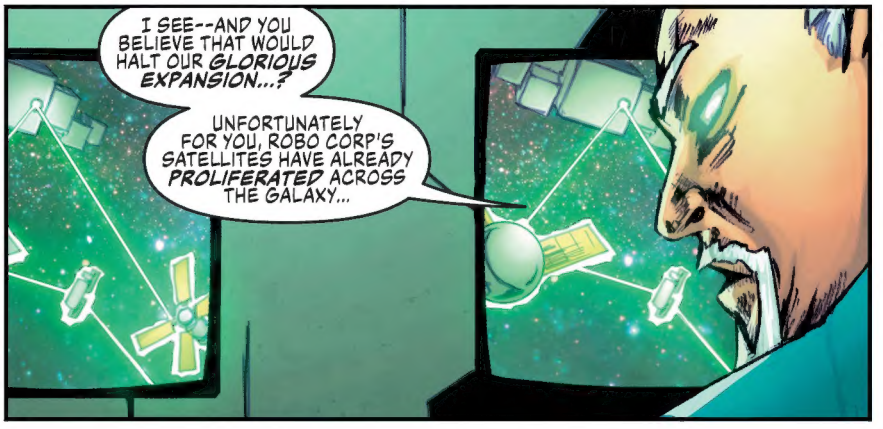

FOR TOO LONG, MY INFLUENCE WAS CONSTRAINED SOLELY TO THIS PUPPET, DOCTOR XANDER IBAL...
BUT SOON, THE ENTIRE GALAXY WILL SERVE THE COLLECTIVE.
FROM NOW UNTIL ETERNITY, ROBO COP WILL RULE ACROSS THE STARS...
...AND ALL SHALL BOW BEFORE THE WILL OF ULTIMA!
MY COMPUTATIONAL MIND REMAINS UNPARALLELED-- I HAVE FORESEEN ALL POTENTIAL EVENTUALITIES...
AND FOR THOSE ANOMALIES THAT REMAIN STANDING AGAINST ASSIMILATION...?

"...THEY SHALL FOLLOW THE PATH OF ALL OBSOLETE BEINGS...AND BE DRIVEN TO EXTINCTION."
MY GOD--IT'S LIKE EVERYONE LOST THEIR MINDS AT ONCE...
PLEASE! SOMEBODY HELP...MY FAMILY IS TRAPPED IN HERE!
HANG ON--THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE IMMUNE TO ROBO CORP'S SIGNAL...
NOW TAKE YOUR FAMILY AND FIND ANY SAFETY YOU CAN...
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
THAT'S ALL OF THE CIVILIANS, SPACE GHOST--BUT THERE'S BRAINWASHED FOLKS AROUND EVERY CORNER...
EVEN OUR INVISO-BELTS CAN'T REFRACT THIS FREQUENCY FOR MUCH LONGER!
THEN WE'VE GOT NO OTHER CHOICE, KIDS--WE NEED TO GO ON THE OFFENSIVE...

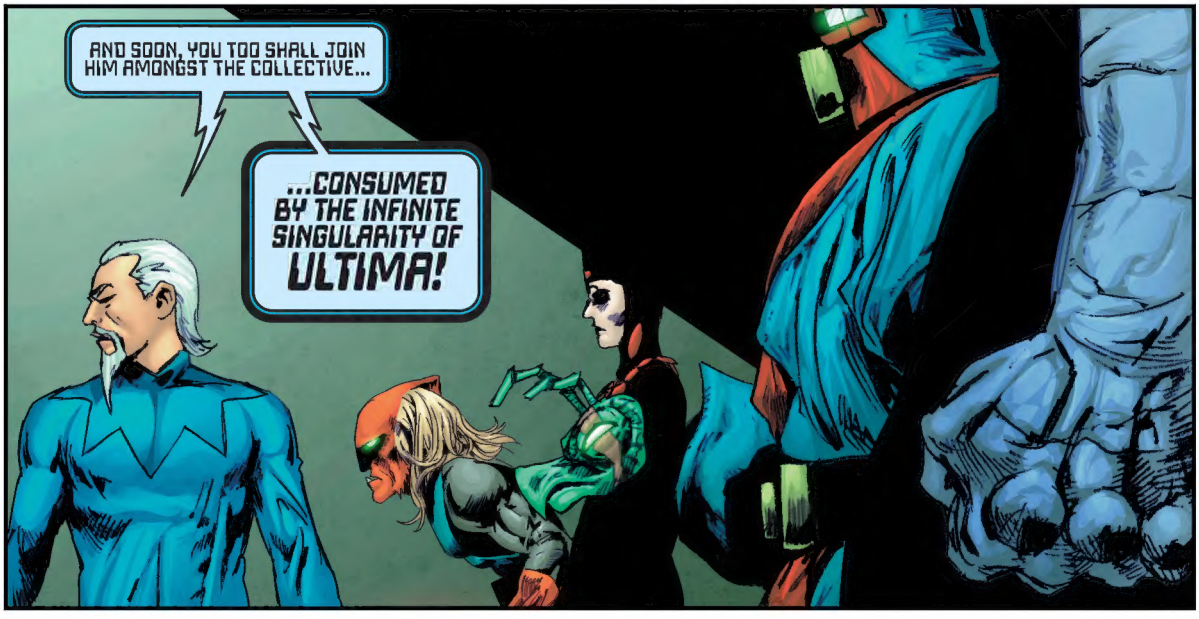

"IF THERE'S ANY HOPE LEFT OF STOPPING ROBO CORP...THEN WE'LL HAVE TO TACKLE THEIR MADNESS AT THE SOURCE."

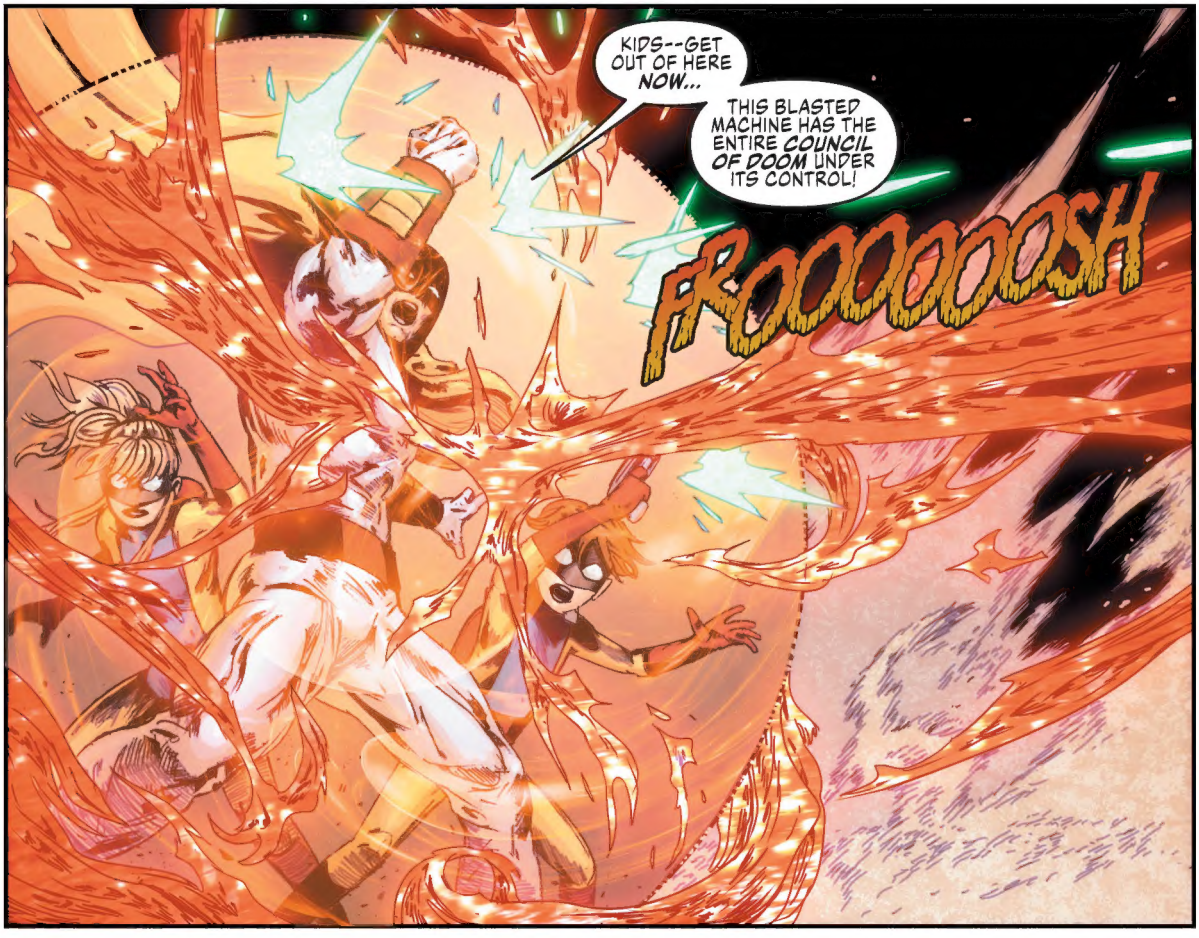
JAN, JACE--KEEP YOUR GUARD UP UNTIL WE'VE FOUND BLIP...
LEAVE THE REST OF ROBO CORP'S DEFENSES TO ME!
KRRRAKOW!

IMPRESSIVE...AND I THOUGHT YOU'D PERISHED ON YOUR BACKWATER PLANET, SPACE GHOST.
YOU'LL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE DISAPPOINTMENT, IBAL...
BECAUSE I'M ABOUT TO BRING THIS ENTIRE TOWER DOWN ON YOUR HEAD.

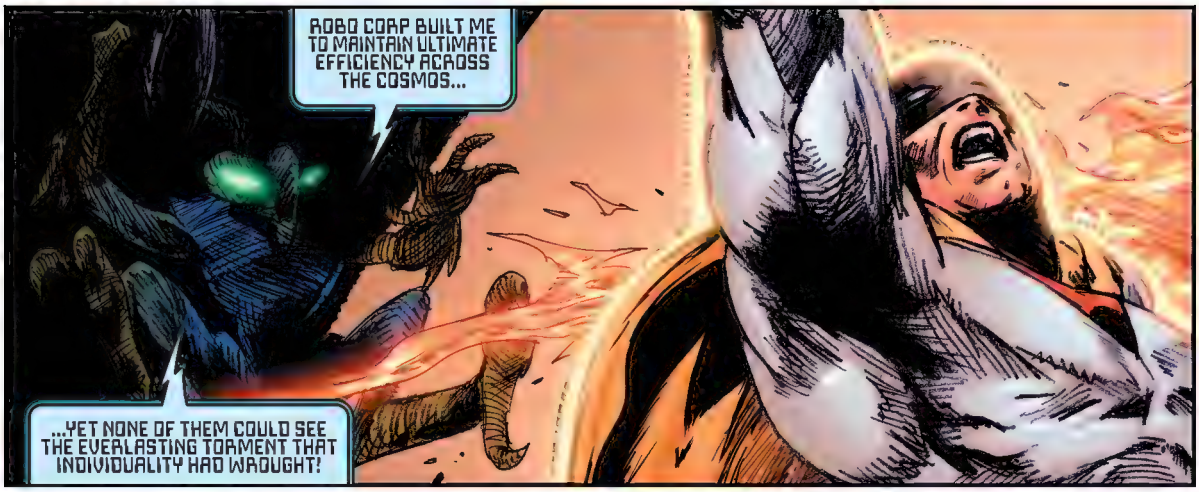

I SEE--AND YOU BELIEVE THAT WOULD HALT OUR GLORIOUS EXPANSION...?
UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, ROBO CORP'S SATELLITES HAVE ALREADY PROLIFERATED ACROSS THE GALAXY...

BUT IN THESE FINAL MOMENTS, YOU SHOULD FINALLY LEARN THE TRUTH...
...BECAUSE DOCTOR XANDER IBAL IS NO MORE.

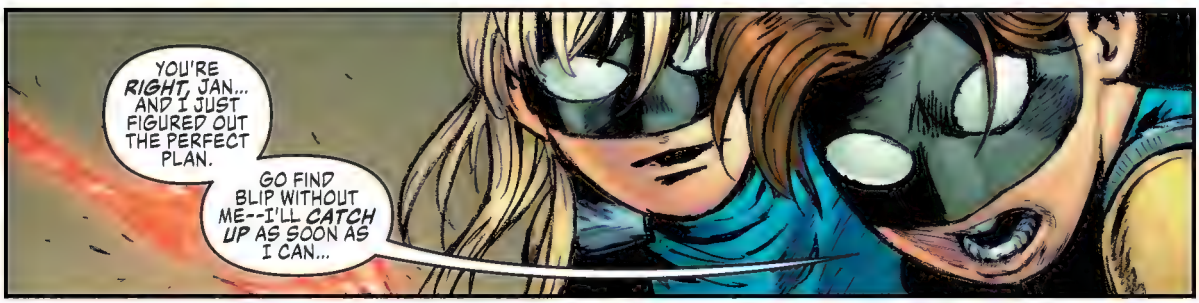

AND SOON, YOU TOO SHALL JOIN HIM AMONGST THE COLLECTIVE...
...CONSUMED BY THE INFINITE SINGULARITY OF ULTIMA!

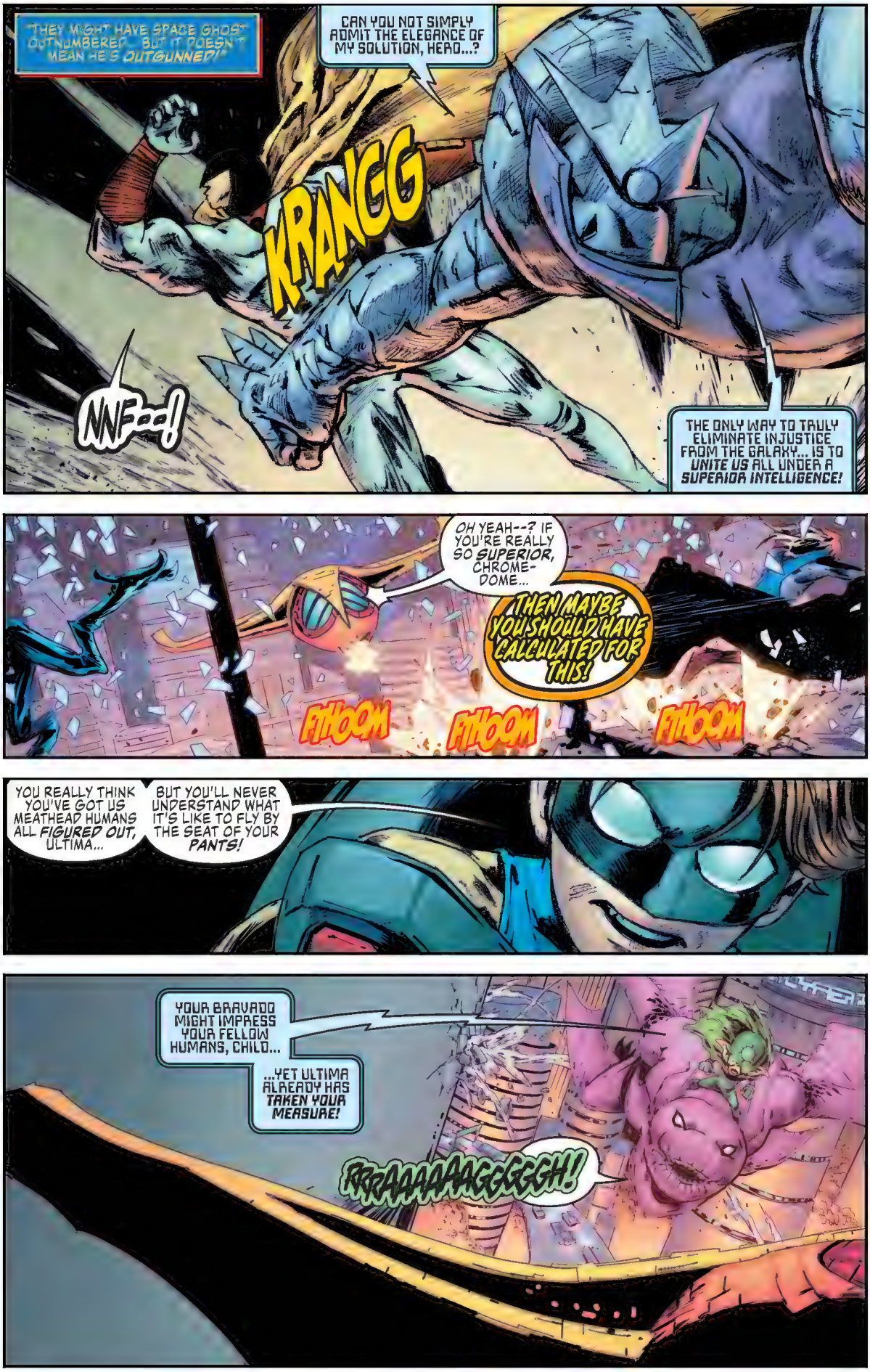

KIDS--GET OUT OF HERE NOW...
THIS BLASTED MACHINE HAS THE ENTIRE COUNCIL OF DOOM UNDER ITS CONTROL!
FROOOOOOSH

YOUR FOOLISH EFFORTS CANNOT DEFEAT ME, SPACE GHOST...
...FOR I SEE THROUGH TEN BILLION EYES--AND *STRIKE* WITH *TEN BILLION FISTS!*
FROOOOOOSH


ROBO CORP BUILT ME TO MAINTAIN ULTIMATE EFFICIENCY ACROSS THE COSMOS...
...YET NONE OF THEM COULD SEE THE EVERLASTING TORMENT THAT INDIVIDUALITY HAD WROUGHT!

DEAR LORD--ULTIMA'S *HAMMERING* AT HIM FROM EVERY SIDE...
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF *TIME*, JACE--WE'VE GOTTA FIND A WAY TO HELP SPACE GHOST!


YOU'RE *RIGHT*, JAN... AND I JUST FIGURED OUT THE PERFECT PLAN.
GO FIND BLIP WITHOUT ME--I'LL *CATCH UP* AS SOON AS I CAN...


THEY MIGHT HAVE SPACE GHOST OUTNUMBERED... BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S OUTGUNNED!
CAN YOU NOT SIMPLY ADMIT THE ELEGANCE OF MY SOLUTION, HERO...?
KRANGG
NNFoo!
THE ONLY WAY TO TRULY ELIMINATE INJUSTICE FROM THE GALAXY... IS TO UNITE US ALL UNDER A SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE!
OH YEAH--? IF YOU'RE REALLY SO SUPERIOR, CHROME-DOME...
THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE CALCULATED FOR THIS!
FTHOOM
FTHOOM
FTHOOM
YOU REALLY THINK YOU'VE GOT US MEATHEAD HUMANS ALL FIGURED OUT, ULTIMA...
BUT YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FLY BY THE SEAT OF YOUR PANTS!
YOUR BRAVADO MIGHT IMPRESS YOUR FELLOW HUMANS, CHILD...
...YET ULTIMA ALREADY HAS TAKEN YOUR MEASURE!
RRRAAAAAAGGGGGH!

"BLAST IT, WE'VE PLAYED RIGHT INTO ULTIMA'S HANDS--IT'S TRYING TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER US..."
YOU CAN SEND AS MANY OF THESE MONSTERS AS YOU WANT, ULTIMA...
...THE ONLY ONE FALLING TODAY IS YOU!
SHRAKOWWWWWWW
NOW IT'S ALL COME DOWN TO YOU, JAN--YOU'VE GOTTA FIND BLIP FAST...
IF I CAN FIND OUT WHAT ROBO CORP NEEDED HIM FOR, THEN MAYBE WE CAN SHUT THIS DOWN FOR GOOD--!
fssssss
WAIT-- WHAT'S THAT SOUND...?
INTRUDER CONFIRMED-- ACTIVATING EXOTHERMIC DETERRENCE SYSTEMS!
GAH--!
FROOOOOOSH

A CLEVER PLOY, GIRL--YOU REALLY THOUGHT YOU COULD STRIKE WHILE I WAS DISTRACTED...
...BUT LET THIS BE YOUR FINAL LESSON... THE GAZE OF ULTIMA IS TRULY LIMITLESS.
ISSSS
THEN THIS IS GONNA HURT YOU A LOT MORE THAN IT DOES ME, PAL--!
K-TANGG
YOU MIGHT SEE ALL THE ANGLES, YOU TWO-BIT TOASTER...
BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH AGAINST SOMEBODY WITH INVISO-POWER!
"AND NO MATTER WHAT YOU THROW AT US... WE'RE NOT GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT!"
FTHOOM
FTHOOM
FTHOOM
YOUR ELEMENTAL CANNON WILL NOT PROTECT YOU, CHILD...
...NOT WHEN ULTIMA COMMANDS THE SKIES!

HA--YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU...?
IT'S NEVER BEEN ABOUT THE SHIP OR THE HARDWARE...
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THE PILOT BEHIND THE WHEEL!
SO IF YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN COMPETE AGAINST ME...?
...THEN LET'S RACE!

C'MON, ULTIMA--LET'S POUR ON THE SPEED...
...I KNOW YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS!
VOOOOOM
EVEN A ROGUE MATH EQUATION LIKE YOU CAN PACK THE HEAVY ARTILLERY--BUT UP HERE?
KA-CHUNK
ALL THE MUSCLE IN THE WORLD WON'T BEAT MANEUVERABILITY!
ERRRR--! INVALID TRAJECTORY... NYAAAGH!
SORRY, ULTIMA--BUT WHEN IT COMES TO SOARING THE SPACEWAYS...?
CONSIDER YOURSELF GROUNDED.

"BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU CAN RUN ALL THE NUMBERS... THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HUMAN TOUCH!"
SPLAKK
YOU CANNOT FIGHT THE INEVITABLE, SPACE GHOST-- NNFF!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, CREEP-- I'VE ALREADY FACED THE COUNCIL OF DOOM BEFORE...
THEY'RE DANGEROUS AS INDIVIDUALS--BUT AS MINDLESS CANON FODDER...?
YOU JUST DON'T HAVE THE SAME TEETH!
KRAKT
PERHAPS YOU ARE CORRECT, SPACE GHOST...
...BUT I AM NOTHING IF NOT A PROFICIENT STUDY.
THEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEARN A VALUABLE LESSON, PAL...

BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DELIVER A SUCKER-PUNCH!
THRAKK
OH--AND IN CASE IT WASN'T OBVIOUS, ULTIMA...?
THAT ONE'S PAYBACK FOR SPACE COLONY OMICRON...
AND FOR EVERYBODY ELSE YOU'VE HURT ALONG THE WAY!
DEAR LORD, THERE HE IS--!
BLIP!
SKRREEEE!
NO--ROBO CORP'S SIGNAL...IT'S NOT SHUTTING DOWN!
THE SATELLITES MUST BE FIRING INDEPENDENTLY!
KLT
DON'T WORRY, LITTLE GUY--I'VE GOT YOU NOW...
I PROMISE YOU, THIS ISN'T OVER YET...

"AND I WILL NOT REST UNTIL WE GET YOU OUT OF HERE SAFE."
YOUR BODY MAY BE STRONG, SPACE GHOST--BUT YOUR MIND IS STILL HUMAN!
HRRNN--!
SHIFT
SO NOW I OFFER YOU A CHOICE--DO YOU CLING TO THE LIMITATIONS OF YOUR PRIMITIVE FLESH...?
OR WILL YOU WILLINGLY JOIN IN THE VAST MACHINE INTELLIGENCE THAT IS ULTIMA?
NO--MY INVISO-BELT...
KEAT
SHRAKOWW
WHAT THE--?
SKREEEEE!
WHAT BLIP SAID, S.G.--BUT NOW WE'VE GOT AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM...
THE ULTIMA FREQUENCY--IT'S ALREADY SELF-SUSTAINING!

YOU HAVE PROVEN QUITE A FORMIDABLE ADVERSARY, SPACE GHOST...
...BUT NOW THIS CONFRONTATION IS OVER.
NyAAAAARGH!

FOR THE POWER OF ULTIMA CANNOT BE CONTAINED!
NOW YOU SHALL SERVE AS MY ULTIMATE WEAPON...

...GIVEN THAT YOUR REFRACTING HARNESS IS NO LONGER OPERATIONAL.
SPACE GHOST-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
N-NO-- NOT LIKE THIS...

NOT LIKE THIS!

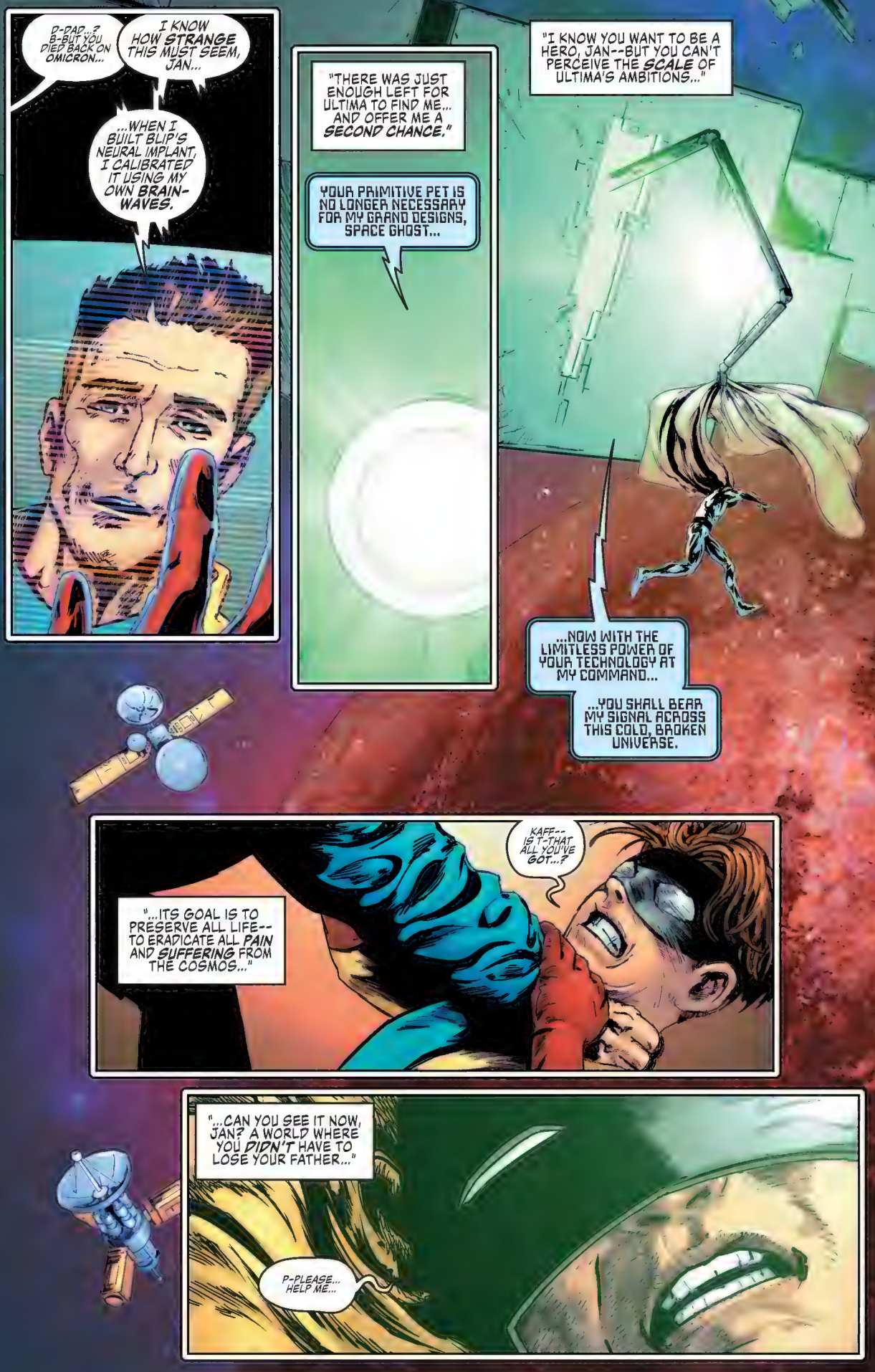
YOUR MENTOR SHALL EMBRACE THE COLLECTIVE SOON ENOUGH, CHILDREN...
...BUT MY HERALD WILL BE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO DEAL WITH YOU!
NNF--!

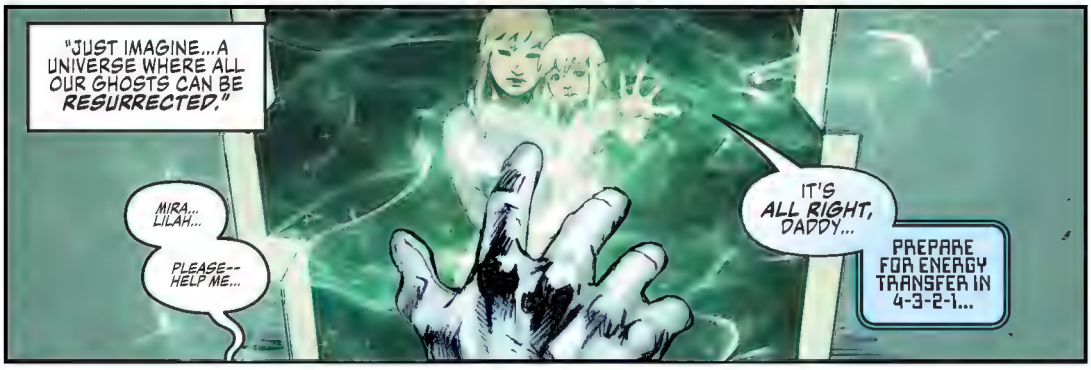
SPLAKK
GAK--JAN! YOU N-NEED TO RUN...
F-FIND THE MAINFRAME... YOU'VE GOTTA SHUT THIS DOWN NOW!
SKRREEE--!

HOLD ON, JACE--!
LET'S PRAY THEY HAVEN'T MOVED THINGS SINCE THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE...

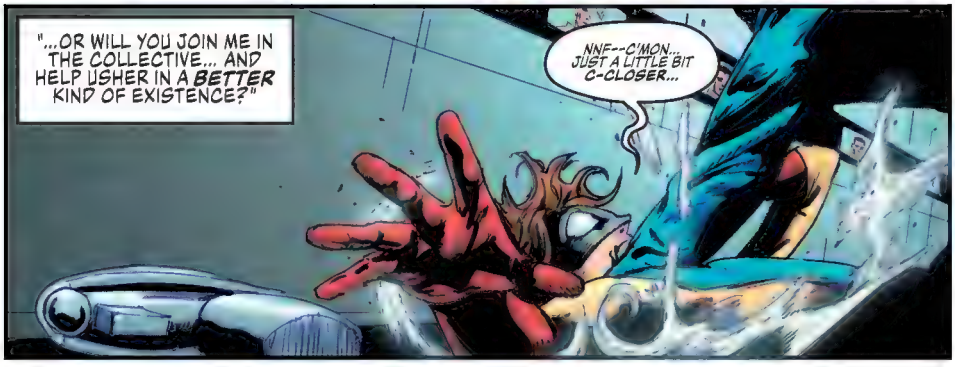
WHOA-- THIS IS INSANE...
ULTIMA'S ALREADY TAKEN OVER THE ENTIRE SYSTEM!

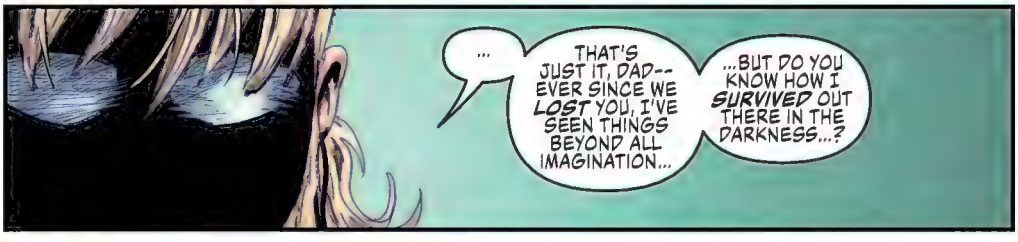
THERE'S JUST ONE CHANCE LEFT--IF I CAN JUST HACK INTO THE ROBO CORP CENTRAL DATABASE...
TEK
TEK
TEK
THEN MAYBE I CAN STILL OVERRIDE ULTIMA'S PROGRAMMING...
...AND END THIS MONSTROSITY ONCE AND FOR ALL!
TEK
TEK
TEK
KZZT-- JAN...CAN YOU HEAR ME?
N-NO-- IT CAN'T BE...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE-- IS THAT REALLY YOU...?
...DAD?
LISTEN TO ME, SWEETHEART--I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING...
...BUT I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE--DON'T DESTROY MY LEGACY...
"PLEASE JUST LET ULTIMA FINISH ITS DIRECTIVES... THEN WE CAN FINALLY BE A FAMILY AGAIN."
THERE'S NO POINT IN STRUGGLING, SPACE GHOST...
...NOT WHEN YOU CAN SERVE A GREATER PURPOSE IN THE GALAXY.


D-DAD...? B-BUT YOU DIED BACK ON OMICRON...
I KNOW HOW STRANGE THIS MUST SEEM, JAN...
...WHEN I BUILT BLIP'S NEURAL IMPLANT, I CALIBRATED IT USING MY OWN BRAIN-WAVES.
"THERE WAS JUST ENOUGH LEFT FOR ULTIMA TO FIND ME... AND OFFER ME A SECOND CHANCE."
YOUR PRIMITIVE PET IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR MY GRAND DESIGNS, SPACE GHOST...
"I KNOW YOU WANT TO BE A HERO, JAN--BUT YOU CAN'T PERCEIVE THE SCALE OF ULTIMA'S AMBITIONS..."
...NOW WITH THE LIMITLESS POWER OF YOUR TECHNOLOGY AT MY COMMAND...
...YOU SHALL BEAR MY SIGNAL ACROSS THIS COLD, BROKEN UNIVERSE.
"...ITS GOAL IS TO PRESERVE ALL LIFE-- TO ERADICATE ALL PAIN AND SUFFERING FROM THE COSMOS..."
KAFF-- IS T-THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT...?
"...CAN YOU SEE IT NOW, JAN? A WORLD WHERE YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO LOSE YOUR FATHER..."
P-PLEASE... HELP ME...


"JUST IMAGINE...A UNIVERSE WHERE ALL OUR GHOSTS CAN BE RESURRECTED."
MIRA... LILAH...
PLEASE-- HELP ME...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, DADDY...
PREPARE FOR ENERGY TRANSFER IN 4-3-2-1...

I PROMISE YOU, JAN--WE CAN END THIS WITHOUT ANYONE ELSE GETTING HURT...
BUT THE CHOICE IS IN YOUR HANDS-- WILL YOU ALLOW INJUSTICE TO KEEP SPREADING ACROSS THE GALAXY...?


"...OR WILL YOU JOIN ME IN THE COLLECTIVE... AND HELP USHER IN A BETTER KIND OF EXISTENCE?"
NNF--C'MON... JUST A LITTLE BIT C-CLOSER...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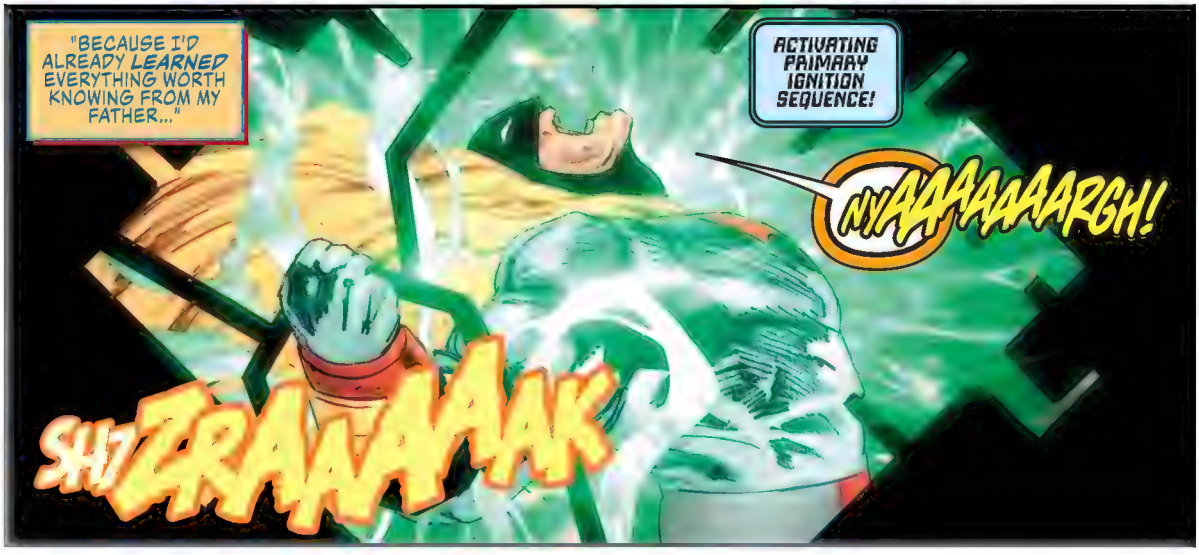
THAT'S JUST IT, DAD-- EVER SINCE WE LOST YOU, I'VE SEEN THINGS BEYOND ALL IMAGINATION...
...BUT DO YOU KNOW HOW I SURVIVED OUT THERE IN THE DARKNESS...?


"BECAUSE I'D ALREADY LEARNED EVERYTHING WORTH KNOWING FROM MY FATHER..."
ACTIVATING PRIMARY IGNITION SEQUENCE!
NVAAAAAAAARGH!
SHZZRAAAAAAK

AND I DON'T CARE WHAT KIND OF DIGITAL PUPPET SHOW YOU'RE PUTTING ON...
...BUT MY DAD WOULD NEVER TURN HIS BACK ON THE UNIVERSE!
NOOOOOOOO!
TEK

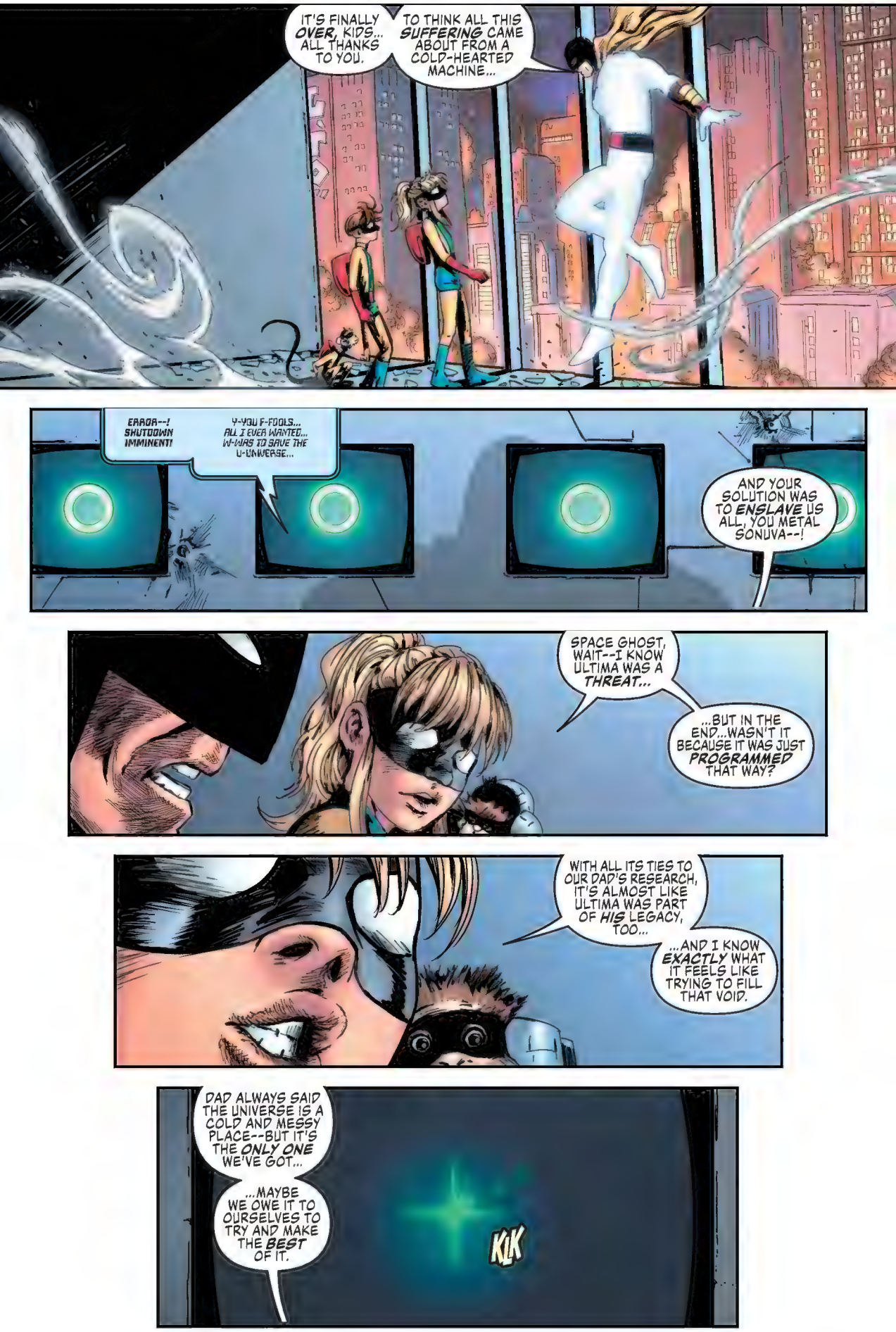
SUBROUTINE ACTIVATED--PRIMARY DIRECTIVE SHUTDOWN INITIATED--!
CURSE YOU, YOU WITLESS CHILD...
NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

I'LL KILL YOU ALL, YOU FOOLISH--
NYARRGH!
SKRREEE!
CHOMP

KAFF-- THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, BLIP...
...NOW ALLOW ME TO FINISH TAKING OUT THE TRASH!
PZOW

SPACE GHOST, CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
WHATEVER ULTIMA'S TRYING TO FORCE YOU TO DO, YOU NEED TO FIGHT AGAINST IT...
DO YOU HEAR ME, SPACE GHOST?! YOU'RE NOT ALONE-- YOU'LL NEVER BE ALONE AGAIN!
BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS... FAMILY ALWAYS STICKS TOGETHER!
J-JAN...?
RRRNN--YOU REALLY ALMOST HAD ME, DIDN'T YOU, ULTIMA...?
BUT THEN YOU MADE ONE FATAL MISTAKE, YOU TIN-PLATED TYRANT...
BECAUSE MY GHOSTS WERE NEVER MEANT TO HAUNT ME...
...THEY WERE JUST HELPING ME SEE THIS THROUGH TO THE END.
ERROR--ENERGY FLUCTUATIONS REACHING MAXIMUM LEVELS!
1001111001--CRITICAL FAILURE IMMINENT--!

SO NEXT TIME YOU WANNA TRY CONQUERING THE GALAXY, ULTIMA...?
JUST REMEMBER THAT I'LL ALWAYS BE READY FOR YOU...
BECAUSE THIS UNIVERSE IS UNDER SPACE GHOST'S PROTECTION!
SKRAKOWWWWWW
HOLY COW, JAN--SPACE GHOST REALLY DID IT!
UNBELIEVABLE--HE JUST BROUGHT DOWN ALL OF ROBO CORP'S SATELLITES...
SKRREEEE!

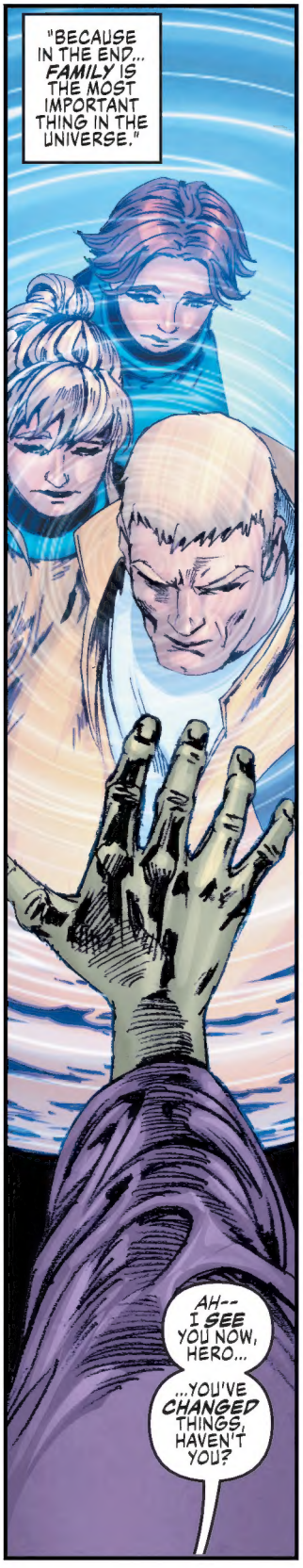

IT'S FINALLY OVER, KIDS... ALL THANKS TO YOU.
TO THINK ALL THIS SUFFERING CAME ABOUT FROM A COLD-HEARTED MACHINE...
ERROR--! SHUTDOWN IMMINENT!
Y-YOU F-FOOLS... ALL I EVER WANTED... W-WAS TO SAVE THE U-UNIVERSE...
AND YOUR SOLUTION WAS TO ENSLAVE US ALL, YOU METAL SONUVA--!
SPACE GHOST, WAIT--I KNOW ULTIMA WAS A THREAT...
...BUT IN THE END...WASN'T IT BECAUSE IT WAS JUST PROGRAMMED THAT WAY?
WITH ALL ITS TIES TO OUR DAD'S RESEARCH, IT'S ALMOST LIKE ULTIMA WAS PART OF HIS LEGACY, TOO...
...AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TRYING TO FILL THAT VOID.
DAD ALWAYS SAID THE UNIVERSE IS A COLD AND MESSY PLACE--BUT IT'S THE ONLY ONE WE'VE GOT...
...MAYBE WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES TO TRY AND MAKE THE BEST OF IT.
KLK

JAN--
JACE...
I KNOW I NEVER KNEW YOUR FATHER...
...BUT IF HE COULD SEE WHAT YOU BOTH DID HERE TODAY...?
I KNOW THAT HE'D BE PROUD.
MAYBE SO--BUT JACE AND I ARE THE LUCKY ONES HERE...
"...BECAUSE WE HAD ONE HECK OF A TEACHER ALONG THE WAY."

Six weeks later.
"SO WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, SPACE GHOST...? DOES THE FEDERATION JUST REBUILD FROM SCRATCH?"
"THEY'VE BEEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK, JAN--STARTING WITH OMEGAN PRISON...
"THE COUNCIL OF DOOM HAVE TRIED TO ESCAPE TWICE ALREADY."
HEH... HOME SWEET HOME.
"BUT XANDER IBAL...HIS MIND HAD DETERIORATED FROM BEING UNDER ULTIMA'S CONTROL FOR SO LONG..."
TIME...TIME IS RUNNING OUT...
"...THE DOCTORS SAY THEY'RE NOT SURE IF HE'LL EVER FORM A COHERENT THOUGHT AGAIN..."
HE'S COMING--HE'S COMING...
TIME IS RUNNING OUT...
"BUT SOMEHOW...THAT DIAGNOSIS DIDN'T EXACTLY FILL ME WITH CONFIDENCE."
TIME IS RUNNING OUT...

"YET I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID, JAN--HOW YOU MIGHT'VE BEEN RIGHT ALL ALONG..."
...MAYBE WE DO DESERVE A CHANCE AT TRYING TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.
SO LET'S START HERE...HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY AT THE SPACE ACADEMY?
NOT BAD... EXCEPT JACE GOT A C-PLUS ON HIS ENGLISH TEST!
HEY! JAN'S ONLY SAYING THAT BECAUSE SHE MET A BOY IN ROBOTICS CLASS!
KA-DING
WHY YOU LITTLE--! MAYBE I NEED TO REMIND YOU WHO'S THE OLDEST AROUND HERE--!
HEH...
PARDON ME FOR INTERRUPTING, BUT... ARE YOU JAN AND JACE KEPLAR?
AH, I'M SORRY, SIR... BUT DO WE KNOW YOU?

OF COURSE--YOU KIDS WOULDN'T REMEMBER ME...
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE DAY YOUR MOTHER PASSED AWAY.
FORGIVE ME--I THOUGHT WE'D LOST YOU BOTH AFTER THE FALL OF OMICRON...
MY NAME IS DOCTOR HENRY CONTRA...
...AND I'VE SPENT A LONG TIME SEARCHING FOR YOU.
THERE'S NO EASY WAY TO SAY THIS, BUT...
...I'M YOUR GRANDFATHER... AND I'VE COME TO BRING YOU HOME.


"BECAUSE IN THE END... FAMILY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE UNIVERSE."
AH-- I SEE YOU NOW, HERO...
...YOU'VE CHANGED THINGS, HAVEN'T YOU?

THERE WAS NO HAPPY ENDING FOR YOU--ULTIMA WAS DESTINED TO REIGN SUPREME...
BUT THEN YOUR LITTLE FRIEND SPACE SPECTRE ALTERED THE BALANCE JUST ENOUGH...
...AND NOW YOU'VE CAUSED A RIPPLE EFFECT ACROSS THE ENTIRE TIME-STREAM.

YOU'VE MEDDLED IN FORCES YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY COMPREHEND, SPACE GHOST...
FOR YOU HAVE ENTERED THE DOMAIN OF TEMPUS THE TIME-MASTER...
...AND THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE FAR BEYOND YOUR UNDERSTANDING.
NEXT: THE TOYMAKER STRIKES... IN SPACE GHOST SEASON TWO #1!

TWO SUPERSTAR CREATORS TAKE ON TWO SUPERSTAR CHARACTERS!

Jimmy and Amanda, Dynamite fans are going to be thrilled to see you writing another book following your epic *Invincible Red Sonja* (available now in a beautiful single-volume hardcover!). And you're returning for one of the most exciting crossover projects we've ever been involved with.

Let's start with Elvira: What history do you have with her shows, movies, and character (created and portrayed by the wondrous Cassandra Peterson)?

JIMMY: I first discovered Elvira many years ago; my buddy Joey Delfini had a poster of her on the wall, and he explained who she was and then we watched her movie and I was hooked on her look and great sense of humor. Since then she has become an icon, and as I read more about who Cassandra really is as a person, I became a bigger fan of her and her story and her perspective on the world around her.

AMANDA: What I remember about first discovering Elvira is wanting to be like her. She's got that sense of humor, that love of horror and comedy, and that hair and boobs and gorgeousness, all dialed up to eleven. I think she was (and still is) a great role model for all us weird girls.

I was lucky enough to be on a panel with Cassandra at San Diego Comic-Con *yeeeeaaarrs* ago, and she was such a smart, kind, and funny person. If I remember correctly, she may have mentioned something about giving up the Elvira mantle (NOOOOO!!!), but I am so glad she chose to keep being her!

Turning to our other key cast member: Harley Quinn is one of the characters in comics on whom you both left an indelible impact across a tenure of multiple years and countless contributions. You've reunited with her a few times after the conclusion of your core run, but what is it like to pick her back up again?

JIMMY: I think everyone got the wrong idea about why we stopped writing the Harley books. We eventually were writing the equivalent of three issues a month for many years, and we needed a break and time to have a life. It wasn't that we never wanted to write her again, we just needed an overall mental break from the amount of work we were doing. Since then, every offer we have had to write Harley — and those have been few and far between — we have taken.

We see Harley's story as ongoing and write her in her own continuity; this includes her supporting cast and where she lives and so on. When we were offered this crossover with Elvira, it was the easiest thing in the world to make it work for us. Diehard fans of our work will feel like we never left Harley, while at the same time we can take her on a new adventure with her new friend Elvira. This series is so much fun.

AMANDA: What Jimmy said. We began the *Harley Quinn* series as a monthly title, and we were told that it might not do so well and could end by issue six. Nobody realized that the series would take off the way it did, and when a comic becomes that beloved, the powers that be understandably want more of it. We tried to accommodate that, but towards the end of our run we were on two issues per month, plus specials... I was running on three hours of sleep a night, and Jimmy was grumpy. That said, we LOVE working with that character, and whenever we get an opportunity to do that, we grab it.

She is one of my favorite characters to work with, because I love a story and character with humor (even if it is dark humor). I've worked with characters who are dark, or who are angst-ridden, and I've found that the characters who fit me best are the ones with lots of humor, and lots of human foibles. That might explain my relationship with Jimmy.

In many ways, though perhaps not initially obvious, these two wisecracking women have some personality and attitudes in common (though they also certainly have their differences). How do the two of you see their dynamics, and how does that come through when you're writing their joint adventures?

JIMMY: Their goals are different, but how they reach them is the fun part. They each have a very instinctive way of creating chaos for those around them and themselves. They have two very distinctive voices, and it's so much fun watching them process each other.

AMANDA: It is so much fun putting these two characters together. We're almost approaching it as a buddy flick. It's much easier to write and draw Harley, because we've been doing that for so many years. Even though we have loved the Elvira character for years, we are not as familiar with writing her, and are still getting a feel for how to approach her. Cassandra has been majorly helpful with that, and we are definitely getting a better feel for writing Elvira. Nobody knows Elvira like Cassandra does!

We're hearing the central story for the series is a big, riotous Halloween party like no other. From either side of the equation, can fans expect any surprise guests to show up?

JIMMY: We are very loyal to Harley's established supporting cast and friends, and we will be dropping them in and out of the series in a way that makes sense to the story and characters. You can expect some super-people and other regulars along the way, but in the end it's up to the two main characters to deliver the goods. Why Harley worked so well during our run was about keeping the focus on her and her world, and with Elvira in the mix, we will continue that and bring Elvira's world into it as the series goes on.

AMANDA: Yeah, a giant Halloween bash seemed like a really excellent way to introduce Elvira into the world of Harley. And nothing Harley does is ever small and restrained, so it made sense for her to laser-focus on Elvira to make the Halloween party the most fantabulous event of the year. And yes, we'll definitely be seeing some characters who we love working with, because that's what we do!

COMING SOON

A BRAND NEW YEAR OF ADVENTURES BEGINS HERE!

The Guardian of the Spaceways returns for more evil-thwarting action in an all-new series - kicking off with the first appearance of a classic Space Ghost villain!

As Space Ghost and Blip fight to defuse a hostage situation on an amusement park planet that's been hijacked by the villainous Toymaker, Jan and Jace are confronted by a mysterious figure from their past - a meeting that will shake the Ghost Planet's team to the core!

Acclaimed author DAVID PEPOSE and visionary artist JONATHAN LAU reunite to reach for the stars in Space Ghost #1 - boosted by solid-fueled covers from FRANCESCO MATTINA, JAE LEE & JUNE CHUNG, BJORN BARENDS, MICHAEL CHO, and special guest artist ALEX ROSS!

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